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CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Southeast Asia. The countries of South and Southeast Asia (SSEA) comprise one of three geographic areas covered by the Office of Asia Pacific Security Affairs (APSA). Within APSA, the SSEA region includes India and all other South Asian countries excepting Afghanistan and Pakistan; the ten Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), plus Australia, East Timor, New Zealand and the Pacific Island states.

PAST EXPERIENCE: Mr. Clad has studied security and economic trends in Asia for over two decades. Born in the U.S. but also raised in New Zealand, he has lived outside the United States for a total of 27 years -- in India, Southeast Asia and Australasia.

He has served in the New Zealand foreign service, as a foreign correspondent (for the Dow Jones newsweekly Far Eastern Economic Review); as a post-graduate research fellow at St. Antony's College, Oxford, at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington DC, and at Harvard University. He was Professor of South and Southeast Asian studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service from 1995-2002 and, concurrently, Director/Asia Pacific for Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

Immediately prior to joining OSD, Mr. Clad was a professor of Near East and South Asian studies at the National Defense University in Washington DC, from 2005-07. He has written three books, two about Southeast Asia, and has written extensively about closer strategic cooperation between India and the United States.